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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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AN ACT

To provide for the publication of the opinions of the Attorneys General of the United States.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3   That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby, authorized  
4   to contract on behalf of the United States with a suitable  
5   book publisher for the printing and publishing of the unpub-  
6   lished opinions of the Attorneys General of the United States,  
7   delivered since the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and  
8   fifty-seven, on the terms following, to wit: The said opinions  
9   to be published in as many volumes as may be necessary,  
10   which shall be, as to the quality of paper, printing, and bind-  
11   ing, of uniform style and appearance with the eighth volume  
12   of said opinions published by Robert Farnham, in the year  
13   eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and, as nearly as possible,  
14   of uniform size with said eighth volume, and which shall be  
15   numbered in regular order after the said eighth volume; the

16 copyright thereof to be taken out by, and be for the use  
17 of, the publisher, who shall deliver to the Attorney Gen-  
18 eral for the use of the United States, within one month  
19 after the publication thereof, three hundred sets of said vol-  
20 umes, at the price of three dollars per volume, payable after  
21 they are so delivered. And the Attorney General is hereby  
22 authorized to employ a competent person to edit and prepare  
23 the said opinions for publication, as aforesaid, with proper  
24 head notes, and a full and complete index, and to supervise  
25 the said publication. When the said three hundred sets shall  
26 have been delivered for the use of the United States, the At-  
27 torney General shall cause them to be distributed as follows:  
28 For the President of the United States, two sets; for the De-  
29 partment of State, ten sets; for the Department of the Treas-  
30 ury and the heads of bureaus thereof, twenty-five sets; for  
31 the Department of War and the heads of bureaus there-  
32 of, twenty-five sets; for the Department of the Navy and  
33 the heads of bureaus thereof, fifteen sets; for the Department  
34 of the Interior and the heads of bureaus thereof, twenty sets;  
35 for the Department of the Post Office, ten sets; for the At-  
36 torney General's office, ten sets; for the judges of the  
37 Supreme Court of the United States, one set each, and the  
38 library of said court, three sets; for the judges of the Court  
39 of Claims, the solicitor, assistant and deputy solicitors of said  
40 court, one set each; for the Library of Congress, fifty sets,

41 for the use of both houses of Congress ; the residue of the  
42 said three hundred sets to remain in charge of the Libra-  
43 rian of Congress, at the future disposal of Congress. And  
44 the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out  
45 of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to  
46 pay for the editing of the said opinions and the price of the said  
47 three hundred volumes, which money shall be disbursed on  
48 vouchers approved by the Attorney General.

Passed the House of Representatives February 22, 1865.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk*.